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OCALA A RIVER TOWN.

The Ocklawaha a Blind Necessity to Ocala's Commerce—We Should Not be a Railroad Target.

To the Editor of the Ocala Banner.

The making of a city of Ocala as it ought to be—the middle big city of the Peninsula—the metropolis of the interior—is not a negligible undertaking that makes it too serious a problem for realization. Geographical position for such a city is here. Centered in a county forty miles square with rivers, lakes, phosphate, turpentine, lumber, earth, building stone and wood, together with a greater variety of productive lands for fruits, early vegetables, corn, oats, rice, beans of every kind, cassava, sugar cane, cotton, cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry, wild game and fish, than any other county in Florida, is Ocala. Railroads come and go in all directions. A navigable and navigated river at six miles distance which connects with and flows into the St. Johns river, giving access to the seagoing steamers and vessels at Jacksonville. Another navigable and navigated river west of the town some twenty miles running to the gulf to Port Ingles, hard roads boxing the compass throughout the county, and an industrious and progressive population of over twenty thousand are also feeders back, supporters and inspirers to this blessed town.

Everything that man needs to make him comfortable in body, and agreeable, and put him at peace with all mankind and the balance of the world, can be made, produced and perfected in Marion county, whose county seat is Ocala. The Atlantic ocean is only forty miles away to the east and the Gulf of Mexico the same distance to the west. Magnificent forests, lordly hills and smiling valleys proclaim Marion county to be a land of milk and honey. The factors of civilization in all social relations are among us in bounteous deal. The basis and substance for the most civilized and puissant municipality is at hand and all over the town of Ocala. We find both winter and summer here the very apotheosis of climate and a haven to those who are storm tossed in health. The breezes from the Atlantic and the Gulf in alternate life-bounding visits make us cool and comfortable in the good old summer time, and in the winter they meet the northern blasts and neutralize their chill. Surely, when the stars sung their welcome to the earth in the morning, some of the benediction must have lovingly fallen on this fair land of ours.

And yet, and yet, Ocala, central spot of this garden of forty miles square, like Rome, looking down from her seven hills in beauty upon the world with the turn of a half century from the days when Osceola made her his capital, naming her for posterity, and Billy Bow Legs rested here on his journey of captivity, Ocala with her latent leonine power for great commerce and all the fine arts that gild the world and make life worth living, still lingers in the monotony of provincialism!

It is a strange thing to me that in the twenty five years past the great business enterprises of Ocala have

not developed some great city builders. Was there ever a greater opportunity for the modern Romulus whose infantile fight for life was not even dependent upon the sustenance of the state of the wolf? The advantages that I have mentioned, which are nature's gifts to Ocala are here, and I have told the truth of our great opportunities to become the central metropolis of the state. If we but give our endeavors to the building of this nature-ordained city; if our merchants will look at some things outside of, and beyond their own counters, they will see that in helping to make Ocala the greatest city in the interior they will be helping themselves. Let the commercial men of Ocala look out from their shells and study ways and means to bring the elements of great city making here

PIKE.

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

A large party of young people gathered at the Martin place last Tuesday night and enjoyed an old fashioned candy stew, celebrating the last evening of the syrup boiling. A delightful time was undoubtedly experienced.

Mr. Willie H. Cravey, of North Texas, arrived here Thursday evening and is the guest of his cousin, W. L. Martin. He will possibly make this part of Florida his future home. Mr. Cravey is a young man of fine character and abilities. Besides being a successful farmer, he is a graduate under the celebrated professor of music, Mr. A. J. Shawalter, of Dalton, Ga. The singing societies and conventions over the county are kindly requested to invite Mr. Cravey to their meetings.

Misses Lillie Bassett and Roena Johnson, of Citra, were visiting at the Horse Shoe Sunday. This community is Miss Bassett's childhood home and her many friends here are delighted to see her voted one of Marion's prettiest and most highly accomplished young ladies.

Mr. James Tompkins, a phosphate operator at Citra, was among the visitors here Sunday.

It is possible, and very probable, that this section of Marion county, commonly known as the Flat Woods, will, in the near future, be known as the great syrup producing section. Last fall a paragraph from this place in the Times-Union, called attention

Pains in the Back

Are symptoms of a weak, torpid or stagnant condition of the kidneys. Liver, and are a warning that it is extremely hazardous to neglect, so important is a healthy action of these organs. They are commonly attended by loss of energy, lack of courage, and sometimes by gloomy brooding and despondency.

"I had pains in my back, could not sleep and when I got up in the morning felt worse than the night before. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and now I can sleep and get up feeling rested and able to do my work. I attribute my cure entirely to Hood's Sarsaparilla." Mrs. J. N. Perry, care H. S. Campbell, Pike Road, Ala.

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Cure kidney and liver troubles, relieve the back, and build up the whole system.

LIFE AT BELLEVUE.

Last week brought thirteen arrivals for the cottages—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Doolittle are at their winter home, "Idlewild," and have with them Mrs. Jennie Crook, Mrs. L. R. Halstead and Mrs. Ellen Bush are at Mrs. Halstead's cottage, "Lake View." Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tyrell and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Terrell are in the Bryan house, while Mr. and Mrs. Milson, son and wife, Miss Payne, are at "The Pines," which Mr. Milson recently purchased from Mr. Beadle.

Mrs. M. W. Pelot is very ill at the home of her son, Mr. Frank Pelot. The ladies of the V. L. A. are very busy preparing for a sale of fancy

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visitors of all here for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Weaver, nee Carter, was summoned to Tampa Monday.

Bryan in England.

Mr. Bryan is leaving in time of his life in England. He is evidently making the most careful and painstaking study of both men and conditions, and incidentally taking in all the pleasant things that come in his way. Mr. Choate, our ambassador, is giving him all the aid and counsel with in the way of social opportunity to meet all the distinguished people of England who represent her government, and other vast and complex commercial interests, and it is not surprising to know that he is evidently making his mark on the new world of England. Mr. Bryan has not a pronounced study of government for many years and there are few public men of this generation who have given as much thorough investigation of the questions that affect the welfare of the citizen as Mr. Bryan. This can

From this end of the line it looks as though Barrs of Duval is going to congress.—Tampa Tribune.

Yes, but he will not go if he persists in holding the primary election in April before a canvass of the state can be made, and in that manner stifle the very object for which the primary system was inaugurated. The Roosevelt coup d'état in Panama has put the people "agin" political coup d'états of every kind. Barrs had better not spring 'em on the people.

The English "Society for Prevention of Consumption" presided over by the Prince of Wales, was recently addressed by the Sir William Broadbent who stated that it was definitely known that every case of consumption began with a germ communicated from some other case. There may be local weakness which tends to consumption, but the germ has absolutely to be planted in that weak spot before consumption can ensue. This germ is carried on thousands of people who have "weak chests" or "weak lungs." They are not foreordained to die of this dread disease. All that is needed is an absolute deficiency in the body's source is to be able to strengthen the weak lungs and build up a strong body. The answer to this need is found in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It so purifies the blood and increases the blood supply that disease is thrown off, and the weak organs are nourished into perfect health, which defies germs of every kind. People given up by doctors, emaciated, bleeding at the lungs, with obstinate, lingering coughs, are being cured every day by the use of "Golden Medical Discovery." It is a strictly temperance medicine containing no alcohol, whiskey or other intoxicant.

The People Not Considered.

Those politicians who are so persistently arguing, pro and con, as to the advisability of holding an early or a late primary evidently overlook the fact that the "dear people" ought to have a word or two to say in the discussion.—Pensacola Journal.

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Including Six Chairs, Table and Sideboard

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to the superior quality of syrup manufactured by a farmer here, which brought the gentleman more orders than he could supply. This served to give the manufacturer a valuable pointer, and this season most of his entire crop of sugar cane was saved for seed, and next year he will put a large quantity of very fine syrup on the market. This is no experiment, but an assured success. The flat woods is especially adapted to the production of sugar cane and the writer fully believes that the present interest will soon lead to large farms of this money making crop.

Mr. Tom Simmons, commonly known as "Uncle Tom," was here a few days ago. He has sold his place and big stock of cattle near here and will leave in a few days for South Florida, where he has purchased an orange grove. We regret to lose him as he is one of Marion's staunchest citizens and old pioneers of the county. He goes, as he has always seen fit to live, alone, having never claimed a companion from the fair sex to share the comforts of his ideal country home; but we desire to hasten our token of highest esteem to those with whom he is now to live among, and should the claims of some good lady there so outshine those of our beauties here, we will be generous enough to award the golden medal.

PETER STANLEY.

FOLEY, HONEY AND TAR
Cures Croup, Whooping Cough, Pneumonia

work and an old fashioned supper for next week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dustin, of York Beach, Me., who spent the winter here some eight years ago, were here Saturday renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. M. J. McPhaul, the S. A. L. agent, had the misfortune to severely burn her left hand last week.

Mrs. J. A. Lucius, after a short illness, is again able to resume her duties as postmistress.

Capt. William Le Fils, the S. A. L. wood contractor, with Mr. C. Roux, passed through on their motor car last Thursday, stopping at the Seminole for dinner.

BLITCHTON NEWS.

Mr. E. Wever, of Montbrook, and Mrs. L. A. Carter, of this place, were happily married at the home of the bride last Monday. Rev. J. N. Overholtz performed the ceremony. Their many friends in this section are a unit in wishing them a long, happy and prosperous life.

Dr. S. H. Blitch has been in Ocala several days this week on business.

Mr. Matt Armstrong and nephew, R. A. Blitch spent Saturday with friends at Crystal River.

It is to be hoped everybody will turn out Sunday to hear Rev. J. M. Morris.

Mr. W. P. Hammond, accompanied by Misses Gertrude Hammond and Leggie Blitch visited Ocala during the week.

Mr. Guy Blitch, of Macon, Ga., is on the sick list. He has the best

Children:

When You Write
Your Christmas Letter
To Santa Claus

Just put in a line at the bottom, telling him that at Pittman's store he can get some of the prettiest Bisque Figures you ever saw, such as Little Babies, Coo-coo Birds, Cats, Dogs, Florida Girls, Foxy Grandpa, Happy Hooligan, etc., at prices 10 to 35 per cent. below those others are asking. Tell him we stand by this assertion (about the prices) with a GUARANTEE that it's true.

be safely said, whether we agree with all his conclusions or not.

It is worse than idle to underestimate Mr. Bryan's influence or ability, and it is safe to predict that he will return from his European tour with added reputation as an orator, a statesman, and a man of affairs.

No man will meet him abroad but will at once be convinced of his honesty of purpose and wonderful power of expression, and I predict that no American orator since Beecher's famous campaign of 1853 will so arouse the enthusiasm of the English people as Mr. Bryan.—Observer in St. Augustine Record.

Still on Velvet.

Colombia's army is said to be still on paper. Well, if "Dr." Wood is a sample, ours is still on velvet.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

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